

Knife Quiz

(Please tick the appropriate answer).

- 1 Carrying a knife 'to defend yourself' is an acceptable excuse in the eyes of the law in Scotland.
 - a) TRUE
 - b) FALSE

- 2 It is illegal for a shop to sell a knife to anyone under 18 in the UK.
 - a) TRUE
 - b) FALSE

- 3 The prison sentence, in Scotland for being in possession of an offensive weapon is –
 - a) 6 months
 - b) 4 years
 - c) 2 years

- 4 Boys are 3 times more likely to carry and use a knife.
 - a) TRUE
 - b) FALSE

- 5 Carrying a weapon is more common among which age group of young people?
 - a) 10 – 12
 - b) 12 – 14
 - c) 14 – 16

- 6 '46% of young people excluded from school admitted having carried a weapon compared to just 16% of those in school.' Is this fact –
 - a) TRUE
 - b) FALSE

- 7 What is the main reason young people give for carrying knives?
- a) as a fashion accessory
 - b) fear and victimisation
 - c) to acquire status
- 8 What percentage of incidents involving knives are not reported to the police?
- a) 7%
 - b) 11%
 - c) 51%
- 9 Which of the following charitable organisations allows you to report a crime and remain totally anonymous?
- a) Neighbourhood Watch
 - b) Crimestoppers
 - c) R.S.P.C.A
- 10 What number would you dial to contact this organisation?
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- 1 b - False
- 2 a - True (This also applies to anything bought on the internet)
- 3 b - 4 years*
- 4 a - True
- 5 c - 14 -16
- 6 a - True
- 7 b - Fear and victimisation
- 8 c - 51%
- 9 b - Crimestoppers
- 10 0800 555 111

(Most of these facts have been taken from the last MORI Youth Survey carried out in 2003).

*From 1 July 2006, the Lord Advocate's guidelines indicate that people found in possession of a knife, or involved in violent acts involving a knife, who have a similar previous conviction, will be dealt with on indictment (Sheriff and Jury Trial) which increases the possible maximum sentence from 2 years to 4 years imprisonment.